

Apollo 13 – Movie Questionnaire

Name: _____

In the opening scene, what is the significance of the event everyone is watching?

What past NASA event makes Jim's youngest son scared about his dad going into space?

During training, Jim's team receives some troubling news. What is it, and how is it resolved?

During the rocket launch, what happens that Jim assumed was "our glitch [problem] for this mission"?

What is the purpose and result of the national broadcast from space?

What minor act caused several master alarms to go off?

After the explosion, Jim noticed that they were "venting something out into space." What was the significance of this?

To fix the venting problem, the suggestion was made to "shut down the fuel cells." What consequences did that solution have?

Why do the astronauts shut down the Odyssey and move into the smaller Aquarius?

How does Jim's family find out about the problems in space? How do you think they felt?

Who gets brought to NASA headquarters to help solve the power-up issue in the simulator?

There is a NASA team assembled to help solve a serious problem for the astronauts. They create something and instruct the astronauts on how to construct it. What do they build and why was it important?

What do the astronauts do that shocks the NASA doctor? Why do you think they did it?

Why do the astronauts need to “burn the engines”? Why was the burn so stressful?

What two famous astronauts talk to Jim’s elderly mother to distract and calm her?

What part of the spacecraft could have been damaged in the previous explosion that worried everyone as the crew was about to reenter the atmosphere?

In the final minutes, the Apollo 13 mission is referred to by NASA as “a successful failure.” Do you think this is appropriate?

This movie highlights some of the benefits and risks of manned space exploration. The future horizons for space exploration are first to an asteroid, then to Mars. Which space missions do you support more – manned or remote-controlled? Why?